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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s) : Martin et al.  
Serial No. : 10/035,912  
Filing Date : November 9, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SPONGE  
DEVICE

Group/Art Unit : 1732  
Examiner : Allan R. Kuhns  
Confirmation No. : 2211

Docket No. : 506399.000

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) AND  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application. Applicant requests a three month extension or until August 12, 2004, to respond to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is attached to cover the three month extension of time fee.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.